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SUBJECT: ENERGY: IEA/SLT-COMMENT ON CONSERVATION SUB-
GROUP CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

BERN: PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO HANS C. SCHMID IN SWISS
ENERGY COMMISSION (CHAIRMAN OF IEA/SLT SUBGROUP ON
CONSERVATION, FRIDAY, MARCH 18, FROM CHAIRMAN OF SLT

1) WE REVIEWED YOUR CHAIRMAN'S NOTE AND ARE STRONGLY
SUPPORTIVE OF ITS GENERAL POLICY DIRECTION. WE SHARE
YOUR SENTIMENTS THAT CONSERVATION SHOULD BE GIVEN AT
LEAST EQUAL PRIORITY WITH ENERGY PRODUCTION IN THE IEA
AND IN MEMBER COUNTRIES' ENERGY PROGRAMS. COMMENTS
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REGARDING YOUR NOTE ARE RECORDED BELOW.

2) IEA REVIEW PROCESS-WHILE THIS SUBJECT HAS NOT
YET BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE SLT, I ENVISION ONLY ONE
ANNUAL REVIEW OF MEMBER COUNTRIES' ENERGY PROGRAMS TAKING
PLACE IN THE SLT. THE CONSERVATION SUBGROUP WILL
MAKE AN ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THIS PROCESS BY (A)

DEVELOPING CRITERIA (QUESTIONS) REGARDING CONSERVATION
PROGRAMS AND POLICIES IN MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR INCLUSION

IN THE COMBINED QUESTIONNAIRE; (B) MONITORING REPLIES
TO THE CONSERVATION CRITERIA TO ENSURE ACCURACY AND
ADEQUACY; (C) DRAWING UP A LIST OF RAPORTEURS FOR
PARTICIPATION IN THE SLT EXAMINATION AND THE IN
DEPTH COUNTRY REVIEWS.

3) BURDEN SHARING: THE GOVERNING BOARD, IN THE
NOVEMBER 8-9 CONCLUSIONS, CHARGED THE SLT WITH
ASSESSING EQUIVALENCE OF EFFORT IN REDUCING DEPENDENCE
ON IMPORTED OIL TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE MEASURES
SET OUT IN ANNEX 1 OF THE CONCLUSION. DURING THE
REDUCED DEPENDENCE REVIEW, SOME COUNTRIES ALSO
EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE SLT HAD NOT YET DEVELOPED
CRITERIA FOR ACHIEVING AN ADEQUATE EQUIVALENCE OF
EFFORTS AMONG PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. YOU COULD
INCLUDE A DISCUSSION ON BURDEN-SHARING UNDER EITHER
AN ASSESSMENT OF ENERGY DEMAND FORECASTS OR THE LIST
OF CONSERVATION MEASURES.

4) ASSESSMENT OF ENERGY DEMAND FORECASTS: POPULATION
GROWTH, ENERGY PRICES, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH ARE ESSEN-
TIAL ELEMENTS NECESSARY FOR FORECASTING ENERGY DEMAND.
THE INCLUSION OF QUOTE QUALITY OF
LIFE END QUOTE ADDS LITTLE TO THE ANALYSIS AND COULD
PROVE CONTENTIOUS. WE SUGGEST YOU DROP THIS ELEMENT.
IN DISCUSSING ENERGY DEMAND FORECASTS YOU COULD MAKE
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REFERENCE TO THE GOVERNING BOARD DECISION OF JANUARY 31
TO FEBRUARY 1 IN WHICH THE SLT WAS INVITED A) TO REPORT
ON THE RESULTS ACHIEVED IN RESPECT OF THE 1976 IEA
CONSERVATION GOALS AND B) TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE
METHODOLOGY OF SETTING CONSERVATION GOALS AND RECOM-
MENDED THE SLT NOT TO USE, IN THIS CONNECTION, MERE
COMPARISON OF PRESENT OR FUTURE IEA PERFORMANCE WITH
AN EXTRAPOLATION OF HISTORICAL TRENDS OF ENERGY CON-
SUMPTION.

5) ECONOMICS OF ENERGY CONSERVATION: WE AGREE WITH
YOUR APPROACH BUT ARE SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN OF THE TIMING
OF SUCH A STUDY.

6) ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES: CERTAINLY VARIOUS
CONSERVATION MEASURES HAVE DIFFERENT DEGREES OF
IMPORTANCE. WE RECOMMEND CHANGING THE WORD QUOTE

SUGGESTIVE END QUOTE WHICH HAS A DOUBLE MEANING WITH HUMOROUS OVERTONES IN THE AMERICAN CONTEXT TO QUOTE SUGGESTED END QUOTE. RATHER THAN THE WORD QUOTE MANDATORY END QUOTE WHICH WILL RAISE POLITICAL PROBLEMS, WE SUGGEST QUOTE FIRST PRIORITY END QUOTE OR QUOTE FIRST ORDER END QUOTE.

7) STATISTICS: YOUR COMMENTS ARE VALID AND SHOULD BE EXAMINED IN PLENARY SESSION.

8) ONGOING ACTIVITIES: (A) THE UNITED STATES WILL CERTAINLY SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO A MEETING ON DISTRICT HEATING. INTEREST WILL INCREASE IF SUCH A MEETING ALSO COVERS THE COMBINED PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY AND HEATING, (B) THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ENERGY CONSERVATION IN INDUSTRY WILL BE COMPLETED AND HAND CARRIED TO PARIS IN TIME FOR THE DISCUSSION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE WILL SEND AT LEAST TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO A MEETING ON CONSERVATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, (C) RATHER THAN A MEETING OF INFORMATION EXPERTS, WE SUGGEST A MEETING OF EXPERTS ON UTILITY PRICE REGULATIONS.

9) POSSIBLE NEW ACTIVITIES: YOUR SUGGESTIONS ARE WORTHWHILE AND SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN PLENARY SESSION.

10) ROBERT HEMPHILL, FEA, AND DANIEL HICKEY, STATE, WILL ATTEND THE MARCH 29 MEETING. WILL A ONE-DAY MEETING BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA? CHRISTOPHER

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